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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _20 June 2007_.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-18 and 22-24_ is/are pending in the application.

  4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _1-18,22-24_ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

  Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

  Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

  a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

  1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

  2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

  3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
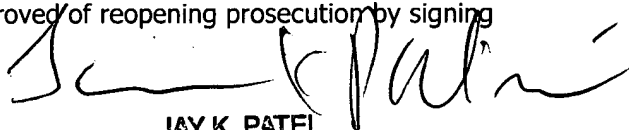
Attachment(s)

1)☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6)☐ Other: _____.

1.   Claims 1-18, 22-27 are pending. Claims 1,8,11,14 have been amended. The

Final action is appropriate.

2.   The Terminal Disclaimer filed 10/01/2007 has been entered the record.

3.   In view of the Remark filed on 6/20/07, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. The Final Office

Action set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following

two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37

CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an

appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal

brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37

CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must

pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing

below:

                                        JAY K. PATEL
                                SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4.   Claims 14,27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being

indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

applicant regards as the invention.

        i.e.: determine how much information in said message will be displayed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-18, 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Microsoft Outlook 98 (MSF-98).

5.   Claim 1, MSF 98 discloses An electronic mail client system, comprising:

a) a mail handling component for sending and receiving electronic mail; and

b) an authoring/reading component for creating electronic mail messages and for reading electronic mail messages, said authoring/reading component having at least two modes of authoring, said modes being selectable by said authoring/reading component when creating an electronic mail message, wherein each one mode causes the electronic mail message to be displayed with all of the information in the message visible when read by the authoring/reading component [MSF-98, specifying email format allows message to be displayed in a different manner, TIP, page 189], and another mode causes the electronic mail message to be displayed with only a subset of the information in the message visible [MSF-98, viewing and subscribing to news group, pp76-78; if you can not see all the tasks that are on your task list, you may have applied a special view or filter applied, pp126].

6.   Claim 2, MSF 98 discloses said two modes are selected from the group consisting of customer and vendor, teacher and student, auctioneer and bidder, and doctor and patient as inherent feature of system administrator and user.

7.   Claim 3, MSF 98 discloses the mode of a message is encoded in the message and determined by the authoring/reading component when the message is read [MSF-98, encrypt a message, pp 45].

8.   Claim 4, MSF 98 discloses the mode of a message is encoded as a MIME-type [MSF-98. MIME, pp 192].

9.   Claim 5, MSF 98 discloses a message created in a first of said two modes allows a recipient of the message to use a first set of tools to respond to the message, and a message created in a second of said two modes allows a recipient of the message to use a second set of tools to respond to the message, said first set of tools and said second set of tools being different from each other [MSF-98, pp 76-78].

10.   Claim 6, MSF 98 discloses a message created in a first of said two modes allows a recipient of the message to see all of the information contained in the message, and a message created in a second of said two modes allows a recipient of the message to see only a only subset of the information contained in the message [MSF-98, Different task view, pp 126].

11.   Claim 7, MSF 98 discloses a message created in a first of said two modes allows a recipient of the message to see the information contained in the message organized in the same way it appeared during creation of the message, and a message created in a second of said two modes prevents a recipient of the message from seeing the information contained in the message organized in the same way it appeared during creation of the message, and only allows the recipient to see the information organized in a different way [MSF-98, Different task view, pp 126].

12.   Claim 8, MSF 98 discloses An electronic mail system, comprising:

a) a first electronic mail client having a first authoring/reading component for creating

and reading electronic mail messages; and b) a second electronic mail client having a

second authoring/reading component for creating and reading electronic mail

messages, wherein said first authoring/reading component creates messages in a first

mode and said second authoring/reading component reads messages in a second

mode, and <u>a message read in said second mode allows a recipient of the message to</u>

<u>see only a subset of the information contained in the message</u> [MSF-98, specifying

email format allows message to be displayed in a different manner, TIP, page 189].

13.   Claim 9, MSF 98 discloses said first and second modes are selected from the

group consisting of customer and vendor, teacher and student, auctioneer and bidder,

and doctor and patient as inherent feature of system administrator and user.

Claim 10, MSF 98 discloses the mode of displaying a message is encoded in the

message by the first authoring/reading component and determined by the second

authoring/reading component when the message is read [MSF-98, encrypt a message,

pp 45].

14.   Claim 11, MSF 98 discloses An electronic mail system comprising:

<u>a) a first electronic mail client having a first authoring/reading component for creating</u>

<u>and reading electronic mail messages; and b) a second electronic mail client having a</u>

<u>second authoring/reading component for creating and reading electronic mail</u>

<u>messages, wherein said first authoring/reading component creates messages in a first</u>

<u>mode and said second authoring/reading component reads messages in a second</u>

mode, a message read in said first mode allows a viewer of the message to use a first

set of tools to respond to the message, and a message read in said second mode

allows a viewer of the message to use a second set of tools to respond to the message,

said second set of tools and being a sub-set of said second first set of tools [MSF-98,

specifying email format allows message to be displayed in a different manner, TIP, page

189].

15.   Claim 12, MSF 98 discloses a message viewed in said first mode allows the

viewer of the message to see all of the information contained in the message, and a

message created in said second mode allows the viewer of the message to see only a

subset of the information contained in the message [MSF-98, Different task view, pp

126].

16.   Claim 13, MSF 98 discloses a message viewed in said first mode allows a viewer

of the message to see the information contained in the message organized one way,

and a message viewed in said second mode only allows the recipient to see the

information organized in a second way different from said first way [MSF-98, Different

task view, pp 126].

17.   Claim 14, MSF 98 discloses An electronic mail client system, comprising:

a) a plurality of authoring/reading components for creating and viewing representations

of information; b) encoding means for automatically encoding representations created

with said authoring/reading components into an Internet compatible email message; and

c) decoding means for automatically decoding said representations encoded by said

encoding means, wherein at least one of said authoring/reading components is

responsive to a role mode encoded in an email message whereby said role mode

determines **how much** information in said email message will be displayed [MSF-98,

specifying email format allows message to be displayed in a different manner, TIP, page

189].

18.   Claim 15, MSF 98 discloses said role modes are selected from the group

consisting of customer and vendor, teacher and student, auctioneer and bidder, and

doctor and patient as inherent feature of system administrator and user.

19.   Claim 16, MSF 98 discloses a message encoded with a first role mode allows a

recipient of the message to use a first set of tools to respond to the message, and a

message encoded with a second role mode allows a recipient of the message to use a

second set of tools to respond to the message, said first set of tools and said second

set of tools being different from each other [MSF-98, encrypt a message, pp 45].

20.   Claim 17, MSF 98 discloses a message encoded with a first role mode allows a

recipient of the message to see all of the information contained in the message, and a

message encoded with a second role mode allows a recipient of the message to see a

only subset of the information contained in the message [MSF-98, encrypt a message,

pp 45].

21.   Claim 18, MSF 98 discloses a message encoded with a first role mode allows a

recipient of the message to see the information contained in the message organized in

the same way it appeared during creation of the message, and a message encoded

with a second role mode prevents a recipient of the message from seeing the

information contained in the message organized in the same way it appeared during

creation of the message, and only allows the recipient to see the information organized

in a different way [MSF-98, Different task view, pp 126].

22.   Claim 22, MSF 98 discloses A method of corresponding by electronic mail,

comprising:

a) creating a representation of information; b) encoding the representation into an

Internet-compatible email message; c) sending the email message to an email client;

and d) decoding the email message at the email client, wherein the email client is

responsive to a role mode encoded in the email message whereby the role mode

determines how information in said email message will be displayed [MSF-98,

specifying email format allows message to be displayed in a different manner, TIP, page

189].

23.   Claim 23, MSF 98 discloses the role mode is selected from the group consisting

of customer and vendor, teacher and student, auctioneer and bidder, and doctor and

patient as inherent feature of system administrator and user.

24.   Claim 24, MSF 98 discloses the role mode of a message is encoded as a MIME-

type [MSF-98. MIME, pp 192].

25.   Claim 25, MSF 98 discloses the role mode determines what tools may be used

by the email client to view the representation of information [MSF-98, Different task

view, pp 126].

26.   Claim 26, MSF 98 discloses the role mode determines what tools may be used

by the email client to respond to the message [MSF-98, Different task view, pp 126].

27.   Claim 27, MSF 98 discloses the role mode determines **how much** of the

representation of information can be viewed by the email client [MSF-98, Different task

view, pp 126].

          THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time
policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
          A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE
MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within
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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any
extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of
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than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.
          Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Thong H. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3904.
The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00-3:30.
          If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
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